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DECISION ON REQUEST

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In re Application of MARISSEN, et al.

Application No.: 10/586,972

PCT No.: PCT/EP05/00936

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For: FIXING DEVICE FOR CLAMPING THE ENDS

OF A SURGICAL CABLE USED FOR FIXING

BONE PARTS

This decision is issued in response to applicants' "Response to Notice to File Missing Requirements" filed 14 May 2007 notifying the Office that the name of the first inventor is Roelof Marissen as indicated on the declaration (and PCT Request) rather than Reolof Marissen as indicated on the published international application. Applicants' request has been treated under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is due.

Petitioner states that "the misspelling (typographical error) of inventor Marrissen's first name was the result of an apparent printing error on the part of WIPO and was not based on incorrect information provided when the international application was filed." Petitioner asserts that the name of the first inventor is Roelof Marissen. As indicated in Section 201.03 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, where a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name is discovered, a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) is not required. Accordingly, petitioner's explanation of the difference in the spelling of the first inventor's name is accepted and noted for the record.

For the reasons above, the request is **GRANTED**.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision.

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